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Bakshaish Carpet, North-West Persia, Circa 1880, 3.66m x 2.92m

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1069945

Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 366 cm (144.1")

Width = 292 cm (115.0")

Description

This is a truly exceptional antique Bakshaish carpet from North-West Persia. Among the many towns and villages that wove carpets in that remote part of Persia in the 19th century, those attributed to Bakshaish are often the most archaic and genuinely rural in character. That is certainly the case with this carpet. Ostensibly, the design appears to be an elegant repeat stylised floral pattern with flowering vases, palmettes and fan-like motifs arranged in a symmetrical pattern. However, closer inspection reveals a myriad of charming idiosyncrasies, including filler ornaments, large flowers emerging from very small ewers, and even an eye drawn inside one of the palmettes, perhaps as protection from the evil eye. Furthermore, the colours are quite beautiful, from the abraded terracotta background to the subtle shades of green, yellow and light blue. The blue/brown combination is so striking and reminds one of early Seljuk carpets. The impressive field is framed by a narrow and much more restrained border. It is almost as if the weaver was framing his work of art. This is a wonderful carpet is highly collectible, but would also work very well in many decorative schemes addin...

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